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Another Interesting Letter Is Received From Him; Tells of Experiences and Scenic Beauties

My dear Friends: creased by quarantine regulations is rather confusing to us. against Florida which went into effect yesterday.

It seems that there is a serious outwe came over, "The Muneastern," is there is anywhere. having left Miami before the new reg- liquors, there are many wholesale at the mouth of the harbor, it is goulations were published, was not per- dealers and large warehouses sup- ing on a West Indian cruise. We had mitted to land any passengers except posedly filled with their wares, but a good visit with Chandler on our in quarantine, where they will be de- there is no visible sign of rum-run- verandah Friday evening and returntained three weeks. Fortunately she ning. I believe that the fast steam- ed the call this afternoon. brought mails, which after fumiga- ers and motor boats which carry the Gerard Van Schaick too, was here via New York, which makes it rath- to our coast. There are plenty of him and knew nothing about it until er awkward for us but as we are places where liquor is sold at retail we saw an interview with him in the but they are not at all like the saloons Guardian, an island paper, by that have no desire to leave the island we which used to be found in our cities. time he had gone. are not especially concerned about it. As I have observed them they are It is now Monday morning and a This letter will go to New York by the open to the street, without bars or very hot day, I am sitting in my "Munargo," which is to arrive to- screens or brass rails, simply a coun- lightest clothes where I can get the morrow morning and sail in the eveter where one's thirst may be quenchbreeze, the sun is so strong that I ning. The only discomfort from ed. They seem about as innocent of almost dread to go down into the which we may suffer is a possible allurement as a soda water counter town to post this letter, I think I shall shortage of food supplies which are and as I pass by and look in I seldom have to get me a sun helmet. usually brought from Florida, but see more than one or two people in-

Morning on Beach Yesterday morning I spent on the row island which forms a natural protected by a jutting point of land so that there is almost no surf and they seem very wide awake. no undertow. It is much the finest beach I know and every morning there is a crowd of visitors in the water later in the season, splendid tall roy- or four feet in diameter is cut to al palms, and palms of many other varieties, and most curious of all the silk cotton tree with its great buttress-like roots which extend like ribbons set on edge in snakelike curves on every side, higher than a man's head at the trunk and tapering to the ground. There is a huge tree of this sort in the government square. It is more than two hundred years old and has enormous girth of trunk and spread of branches. It is one of the sights of the town. If the space between any two of its buttresses

were roofed over they would make a

good sized hut.

Colored Folks Numerous The colored people are very numerous, outnumbering the whites three to one. Many of them are very intelligent and occupy places of responsibility. The postmaster and the customs officers are mixed bloods, the sidesmen who took up the offering in the cathedral this morning are colored men, all the policemen, too, are much in evidence with their sun helmets white tunics and blue trousers with red stripes, also the men of tachment of the West Indian regiment who are on duty here. There are seven Anglican churches here in Nassau, most of them large and handsome, two Roman churches, much smaller, and three or four others, in most of them the congregation is mixed, whites and blacks mingling, even in the cathedral where the congregation is mainly, white, many blacks worship, and no discrimination seems to be made against them. The blacks do not speak as our negroes in the south do with what we are accustomed to call the negro dialect, but they speak with an English accent which at first strikes us as strange they sing very well and the music in the churches is hearty. The service in all our churches is of what we call an advanced type, with many ornaments and elaborate ceremonial. was present this morning at the 7:30 Eucharist in St. Mary's church at which the bishop of the Banamas celebrated. He is a young man, sent out from England and evidently approves and encourages the very flor-

id type of service which prevails. Social Lines Strictly Drawn Speaking of the mingling of white and colored people here, I ought to add that while in public affairs and in church there seems to be almost no

discrimination, yet socially the line depth of 103 feet, insuring a sure CONG. W. R. WOOD is drawn almost as strictly as with water supply for the garrison, as the us, I am not sure that it is not a wise guide light a wisp of paper and let it system, but then the colored people drop down the dark well, it seemed

SUMMER NOW IN BAHAMAS for in intelligence to those at home. chambers, guard rooms and dungeons The currency of the islands is Eng- underground and passages connecting

dian colony. We feel very far from the rule of the road, as in England, mounted and rusting, and about the home and the sense of distance is in- is "keep to the left," which at first streets of the town are many old

Sponge Market One of the sights of the town is the It seems that there is a serious out-break of smallpox in Miami, and to where the sponging schooners dis-ler Egan and his wife here, staying

doubtless communication will be es- side, frequently no one. There seems send love to all our friends, we wish tablished with some southern port, to be very little if any drunkenness, that some of them would come down I have seen no signs of anything of here to keep us company. the sort, except perhaps in Grant beach on the ocean side of the nar- where the drinking places seem to be more frequented and where yesterday A lot of people would like to know breakwater for the harbor. The water I saw one or two men who seemed just what sort of a Maxim silencer somewhat the worse for liquor. I they used in Great Britain to muffle than at Palm Beach. The beach is fancy that the police keep a pretty Lloyd George. close watch upon such places, for

Visits Old Fort

The other day we revisited old and basking on the sands under the Fort Charlotte, the picturesque old bright sunshine. I am getting a fine fortification which was built in 1787 coat of tan. Near the beach, beside to defend the harbor entrance. The the path from the boat landing is a guide lighted a lantern and took us pavilion from which liquid refresh- through the underground passage and ments are served and a native stand chambers. These are all cut out of where one may drink cocoanut milk the solid rock and form a perfect and eat fruit. The cocoanuts grow labyrinth, the labor involved is enorall about in profusion and the place mous and the skill displayed is amazis gay with bright flowers. The poin- ing. First one descends a spiral stairsettias are still very beautiful, and case of about forty steps, which is as the hibiscus which grows in many perfectly made as if it had been varieties, and many other tropical built from the bottom of hewed blossoms. There are many interest- stones, it leads to a level below the ing trees and shrubs here, and the moat and there are numerous loopbanyan tree with its aerial shoots holed galleries from which rifle men rooting in a wide circle about the could sweep any part of the moat if main trunk, the royal poinciana, an enemy had succeeded in entering which, however, does not bloom until it. From the lowest level a well three

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here seem to be on the whole super- almost bottomless. There are store

lish and prices are quoted in pounds, every part of the fortification, so that shilling and pence, and all the small troops could be moved to any part of silver is English, though Bermudan the works without exposure to enemy paper notes in denominations from fire. There is said to be a passage dianna, has been re-elected chairman gest capturing the House and election four shillings up are in circulation. almost a half mile long connecting of the Republican Congressional com- of Wood, and the selection of this American money however, is every- the fort with the residence of the old mittee to conduct the campaign in where received and it is not neces- governor in the town below, but if so 1926. Earl Venable was re-elected as ly to encourage them into the expressary to exchange it into British cur- the entrance is no longer open and executive secretary; John Q. Tilson, Nassau, Bahamas, rency except for small change. no one seems to know just where it of Connecticut, was made first vice-January 24, 1926 There are automobiles here, though begins. Fort Fincastle is another chairman; Representative Addison T. they are not numerous enough to fortification of the same period, two Smith of Idaho, second vice-chair-We have been here just a week to- make the streets unsafe, the usual miles east of Fort Charlotte, very man; and Harry Wurzbach of Texas, day and are very happy in the de- vehicle however, is an open phaeton interesting, but not nearly so exten- third. lightful summer weather which pre- with fringed canopy top drawn by sive. In both forts there are many vails in this quaint British West In- one of the small horses of the island, large cannons and mortars, now dis-

guns apparently.

prevent its introduction into these is- charge their cargos and the sponges at the New Colonial hotel, which is lands no ships from Florida are per- are spread in long piles under great just below our hill. They came about mitted to land and no passengers or sheds and are arranged according to three weeks ago and are charmed sheds and are arranged according to three weeks ago and are charmed mails are dispatched to Florida ports. sheds and are arranged according to with Nassau, Chandler has been play-The regular weekly steamer on which the most important sponge market ing great golf here. They leave tolaid up here and "The Nassauvian," It is also a great port for the re- "Ohio" which arrived this morning which came in yesterday morning, ception and storage of wines and from New York and lies in plain view

tion, will be distributed. Hereafter stuff to our shores start from Bimini Thursday off "The Reliance" also on all mails will be sent and received and Grand Bahama, which are nearer cruise but we did not happen to see

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